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WASHINGTON--A REPUBLICAN DEMAND FOR A CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY INTO THE ROLE PLAYED BY NEW YORK ATTORNEY JAMES DONOVAN IN THE CUBAN PRISONER EXCHANGE DREW A COOL REACTION TODAY FROM DEMOCRATS WHO IMMEDIATELY PUT THE "POLITICAL" LABEL ON IT.

ALL 13 REPUBLICANS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CALLED FOR THE INVESTIGATION IN A JOINT LETTER YESTERDAY TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN THOMAS E. MORGAN, D-PA.

MORGAN SAID HE WOULD GIVE THE REQUEST "SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION" BUT HE ADDED THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF ANY HEARINGS UNTIL AFTER THE FOREIGN AID BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE.

OTHER KEY DEMOCRATS ON THE COMMITTEE SAID PRIVATELY THEY REGARDED THE GOP MOVE AS "POLITICAL." THEY CHARGED THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN AND DISTRIBUTED BY AIDES ON THE GOP POLICY COMMITTEE.

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